

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following section heading on line 1 on page 1:

~~Description~~ Background of the Invention

Please add the following section heading before line 18 on page 2:

Summary

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 2 as follows:

The object is achieved firstly by an article of the kind mentioned hereinbefore by the fact that the marking means (i.e., mark) is a random identifier peculiar to the article. Preferably, the article is a package. As a result, the safety from counterfeiting compared with known packaging is increased, as random identifiers firstly are more difficult to imitate or counterfeit than predefined identifiers. Secondly, due to the fact that the random identifier is peculiar to the respective packaging, there is provided a marking means which is particularly effective and unambiguous and already present on the packaging. Due to manufacture, no packaging is like another, so that without extra effort, simply due to actual manufacture of the packaging, a marking means (i.e., mark) which is random and unique and so particularly difficult to counterfeit is provided. In other words, every packaging is its own individual marking means.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 3 as follows:

Advantageously, the random identifier is composed of at least one random pattern, the random pattern being composed of a distribution of luminophores. Thus, the random identifier does not include a predetermined pattern. This technological obstacle to counterfeiting allows marking and identification of the packaging which is reliable and particularly easy to attach, apply and/or introduce randomly, and which is therefore very safe from counterfeiting and easy to read, particularly machine-readable. This design of the packaging has the particular advantage that the random identifier is invisible under normal conditions and can be made visible only by a special treatment, as a result of which there is an extra obstacle in counterfeiting. Moreover, a visual impairment of the packaging can therefore be dispensed with.

Please add the following section heading before line 26 on page 5:

Brief Description of the Drawings

Please add the following section heading before line 9 on page 7:

Detailed Description